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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDREE ADDED - MANAMA)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MPOL, TC

SUBJECT: REVAMPING OF UAE MILITARY

1. UNDER SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAZRUI, WHO SAW FOREIGN MILITARY EXPERTS DRAFT REPORT BEFORE EXPERTS DEPARTED, TELLS ME IT WILL RECOMMEND THAT ALL PRESENT EMIRATE MILITARY FORCES BE MERGED INTO SINGLE FEDERAL FORCE WHICH SHOULD BE LIMITED TO STRENGTH OF 10,000 MEN AND BE LIGHTLY ARMED. RULERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAINTAIN SMALL EMIRI GUARDS UNDER THEIR PERSONAL CONTROL WITH SPECIFIC LIMITATION ON SIZE AND TYPE OF ARMAMENT FOR THESE UNITS.

2. COMMENT: THIS WHOLE EXERCISE IS, OF COURSE, POLITICAL RATHER THAN TECHNICAL. TEN THOUSAND LIMITATION FOR UNIFIED FORCE HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN PUT FORWARD AS JUDICIOUS ESTIMATE OF WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO GET OTHER RULERS, WHO HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT ADDR'S OVERWEENING SIZE AND FANCY EQUIPMENT, TO SIGN ONTO UNIFICATION SCHEME.
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WE DO NOT KNOW IF REPORT GOES INTO HOW SUCH REDUCTION IN ARMED

STRENGTH WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED, WHETHER FOR EXAMPLE, ADDF PRESENT
PREPONDERANT SIZE WOULD BE REFLECTED IN NEW UAE DEFENSE FORCE, OR
WHETHER GREATER EQUALITY AMONG EMIRATES WOULD BE SOUGHT, FORCING
UPON ADDF EVEN GREATER MEASURE OF DEMOBILIZATION FROM ITS PRESENT
STRENGTH OF 14-20,000 (DEPENDING ON WHO YOU TALK TO).
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